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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Creating an Advisory Committee to the Director of the Division of Fire Prevention and Control on Wildland Fire and Prescribed Fire Matters

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2, of the Colorado Constitution, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order creating the Governor's Advisory Committee to the Director of the Division of Fire Prevention and Control on Wildland Fire and Prescribed Fire Matters.

I. Background and Purpose

For those Colorado residents living in the wildland-urban interface, there is increasing concern of disastrous wildfire. Slash and burn pile operations in this area will reduce the risk of devastating wildfires, in addition to helping firefighters control such outbreak when they do occur. These fuel treatment activities not only reduce wildfire potential, but work to increase the health of forests, by thinning forest strands and eliminating weak and diseased trees. Weaker trees that remain in the forest are prone to insect attacks and disease.

In order to best serve the residents on the wildland-urban interface and promote the health and wellbeing of our forests, slash pile burning remains the least expensive and most effective method of removing slash. This procedure is conducted with caution and consideration, as projects are planned months and sometimes years in advance. This advisory committee will work to ensure continued safety and protection for residents on the wildland-urban interface, while promoting the health and longevity of our state's natural forests through properly regulated pile burnings.

II. Declaration and Directives

The Wildland and Prescribed Fire Advisory Commission is hereby created to advise the Director of the Division of Fire Prevention and Control on wildland fire and prescribed fire matters. The advisory committee will work to improve Colorado's approach to forest health and to develop a long-term strategy for sustaining vital resources.

III. Membership and Organization

- A. For the purposes of advising the Director of the Division of Fire Prevention and Control on all matters pertaining to wildfire preparedness, response, suppression, coordination, or management, and prescribed fire, there is hereby created in the Division an advisory committee to the Director, to be known as the Wildland and Prescribed Fire Advisory Commission and referred to herein as the "advisory committee".
- B. The advisory committee shall consist of twelve principal members, ten of which shall be appointed by the Director from individuals designated by and representing each of the following organizations or subject-matter areas:
 1. Colorado Counties, Inc.
 2. Colorado Emergency Managers Association;
 3. Colorado Municipal League;
 4. Colorado Prescribed Fire Council;
 5. Colorado Professional Fire Fighters Association;
 6. Colorado State Fire Chiefs Association;
 7. Colorado State Fire Fighters Association;
 8. County Sheriffs of Colorado;
 9. The nonprofit conservation community; and
 10. The Chairperson of the Emergency Fire Fund Committee or their designee.
- C. Each of the ten principal organizations or subject-matter areas may also designate an alternate member to represent the organization in meetings of the advisory committee; who shall be a non-voting member, except in the absence of the principal, voting member.
- D. There shall also be two principal member positions that shall be non-designated for future appointment by the Director from stakeholder groups or organizations that have yet to be identified.

- E. The advisory committee shall also consist of the following non-voting members:
 - 1. Director of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, or their designee;
 - 2. State Forester, Colorado State Forest Service, or their designee;
 - 3. Colorado State Fire Management Officer, Bureau of Land Management, or their designee;
 - 4. Director of Safety, Fire and Aviation Management, U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region, or their designee;

- F. The advisory committee has the following duties relating to wildfire preparedness, response, suppression, coordination, or management, and prescribed fire:
 - 1. To advise the director on the development of the wildfire preparedness plan required by section C.R.S. § 23-31-309(3)(a);
 - 2. To advise the director regarding resources, technical support, and training needed by fire departments and counties in order to adequately address wildfire risks; and
 - 3. To advise the director on the adoption of prescribed fire standards and training and certification standards for users of prescribed fire.

- G. The advisory committee shall annually elect from its members a chairperson and a secretary.

- H. The advisory committee shall meet as determined necessary by the chairperson or the Director of the Division of Fire Prevention and Control.

- I. The members of the advisory committee shall receive no compensation nor shall they be reimbursed for travel or other expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in force until modified or rescinded by a subsequent Executive Order.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this thirtieth day of
January, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John W. Hickenlooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor